

REMARKS

Claims 25-43 and 67 are pending. Claim 43 is amended herein to more clearly identify the subject matter for which Applicants seek protection.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted September 20, 2006. During the interview, Applicant's representatives and the Examiner discussed amendments made herein to place the application in condition for allowance.

Based upon these remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-3265. Applicants believe all required fees are being paid in connection with this response. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 249768040US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated:

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